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NEWS LETTER, JUNE, 1917. No. 7

(Please keep for reference)

To the National and State Officers and Members of the N. S. U. S. D., 1812.

At this momentous crisis in the history of the world, the safety and welfare of our beloved country are uppermost in the hearts of each of us. We are confident that each Daughter of 1812 is now giving, and will give to the uttermost, of her time, strength and money to bring success to our army and navy, and to alleviate inevitable suffering. We have already pledged our support and service to the President of the United States, and our state societies and chapters are actively working with the Red Cross. It would be mere repetition to write of what each is doing, while to single out the story of one in this earnest work, would be unjust to all the others. Let us all realize the society is fully united and engaged together, though in widely separated localities, in the work of preparedness for whatever the future may bring.

At present there is great confusion among the agencies at work, and much overlapping of functions, but order will be brought out of all this sincere but poorly organized enthusiasm for service. Meanwhile there are two agencies to which the work is not new, and through which we may with confidence exert our energies: the Red Cross and the Young Men's Christian Association. We should be proud if we might have a report from every state that every member of the state society is a member of the Red Cross. If there are a few members who cannot pay the fee of one dollar, it might be paid out of the state treasury, in order that the state membership without exception might be enrolled for this fine service.

Some of our state societies are working through the "Women's Section of the Navy League," others through the "National League for Woman's Service," and others through the "National Committee of Defense and Patriotic Societies," all of them engaged in helpful service and having the approval of the United States Government. Your president has the honor of being a member of all three societies. The "Women's Committee of the Council of National Defense," of which Miss Anna Shaw is chairman, has been formed by the Council of National Defense, which is now a part of the government, and this Woman's Committee is working under direction of the government. It wishes to register every woman in the United States, with her capacity for service, and whether she can leave home for training, so that when the need comes, it may be met immediately.

The "Woman's Liberty Bond Committee" has also been organized under the auspices of the Government. Your president national has been honored by being made a member of the Advisory Council of the latter committee. Connecticut, Illinois, Louisiana, Maryland and Wisconsin have already reported the buying of Liberty Bonds either through individuals or state societies, and doubtless many others have done so who have not reported.

There are few of our members who cannot buy a Liberty Bond, and thus very materially help our country to prosecute this greatest and most terrible of all wars. They are sold in denominations as low as fifty dollars and can be bought in ten dollar increments. They are an absolutely safe investment at three and a half per cent, with the guarantee that if the government offers bonds during the war at a higher rate of interest, the Liberty Bond may be exchanged for them. The bonds are not subject to taxation. They can be bought at any bank as easily as anything

can be bought at a shop over the counter. It is a patriotic duty for every one who is able to help finance this war, in which we are engaged that "the world may be made safe for democracy," that is, that the principles of liberty for which our fathers fought may everywhere reign triumphant. Women are urged in buying bonds to ask that credit be given the Woman's Liberty Bond Committee, of which Mrs. W. G. McAdoo, wife of the Secretary of the Treasury and daughter of the President, is chairman. Subscriptions may be made not only through the banks but by mail by writing to Mrs. McAdoo, Treasury Department, Washington, D. C. If women insist that credit be given the Woman's Committee, they may have a surprising demonstration, of their financial strength, as well as of the self-sacrifice in war for which they have always been pre-eminent.

The annual meeting of the Associate Council in Washington was dominated every moment by a sense of the tremendous seriousness of the national situation, a state of war with the German Empire then having been declared to exist. Yet the society was so unanimously and unquestionably on the patriotic side of every question, and we had in so many public ways already expressed our convictions, and offered our services that there was little left to be done in this direction. We went on record unanimously in favor of universal and compulsory military training and service. Mrs. Sidney Ballou came before us to tell the needs of the Woman's Branch of the Navy League in working to increase the comfort of men in the navy. She showed us the knitted garments desired and gave many practical directions for actual work on supplies.

A spirit of harmony and friendliness pervaded the two days meeting, which was delightful and full of promise for the work of the coming year. A complete revision of the Constitution as presented by the revision committee was adopted with almost no change. All the time desired for discussion was given, and, of course, there was some difference of opinion, but the prevailing view was cheerfully accepted, because the minority had had every opportunity to convert the other side by orderly argument from the floor.

Each one of the national officers whose terms had expired was unanimously re-elected for a second term of two years: Mrs. Leighton of Maine as Curator, Mrs. Johnston of Iowa as Librarian, Miss McInnes of Pennsylvania as Fourth Vice-President, Mrs. Iglehart of Maryland as Second Vice-President and Mrs. Wiles of Illinois as President. Each of these officers thanked the Council for the honor done her, and promised devotion to the society. Your President takes this opportunity to say that she cannot express the deep appreciation and gratitude she feels for the support and endorsement given her and her work by every state branch and by hundreds of the individual members. She can never forget the enduring happiness given her by your kindness when every one of the delegates rose to second her nomination for a second term. She certainly will do her utmost to justify your confidence, but she must depend in the future as in the past upon your individual helpfulness and consideration.

The President National has re-appointed Mrs. Stansfield as Registrar National, Mrs. Earle as Corresponding Secretary National (including the Chairmanship of Printing and Supplies) and Mrs. Block as Special Secretary National (including the Chairmanship of Certificates). The society is fortunate to have the continued service of the able and conscientious women who with the president make up the National Board.

Mrs. William L. Peel of Atlanta was elected Honorary Vice-President National to represent Georgia, upon the nomination of that state society.

At the Council Miss McInnes, Chairman of the George Washington Memorial Chapel at Valley Forge Committee, reported that the placing of five altar vases in the Chapel would be possible for us at a cost of \$750; that these vases had been reserved for us until the Council could take action; that if we decided to place the vases, they would be especially designed for the altar by the architect of the chapel; and that our insignia and name would be carved upon them. She also stated that all the other hereditary-patriotic societies were placing memorials in this chapel and she did not wish to have our society missing from this honorable company. The president national called to the memory of our members that Washington was the first citizen of this Republic during the first fifteen years (1784-1799) of the historical period which we commemorate. A motion was unanimously carried that we place these memorial vases. The state societies then vied with one another to give a vase by the subscription of that state. The five were at once taken in this way, and then the states which had not been so quick, objected to having no part in this beautiful tribute to Washington, and in a spirit of generosity it was granted that all might share, as they all apparently wished to do. It was finally decided also by unanimous vote that each state should be informed of its pro rata share of the cost according to the membership on the rolls October first last. On May fourth a letter giving this pro rata share was sent to each state president and the following states are reported to headquarters as already having paid their share; Arkansas, Colorado, Connecticut, Delaware, Georgia, Illinois, Iowa, Maryland, Missouri, Nebraska, Pennsylvania, So. Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia, Wisconsin, and the General Robert Patterson Chapter. Other states have voted to pay their share, but the state treasuries have not yet sent the checks. Still other states may not have held meetings. We already have \$508.02 in hand a month after this notice was

sent, a most encouraging result financially, and also as showing the generous comradeship pervading the society.

The President National announced in her report at the Council the birth of a son, March 8th, to Mr. and Mrs. Stansfield. A letter of congratulation and best wishes was sent to them, and also an 1812 spoon as the gift of the society to the infant son of our Registrar National.

The same report gave the sad news of the death in March of Mr. Williard T. Block, husband of our Special Secretary National, and the sympathy of all present went out in full measure to Mrs. Block in her great bereavement. Our Councilor National was unable to be with us because of the illness of her husband, and on May 27th he, too, was taken from us. We feel most deeply for Mrs. Earle, and to both of our sorrowing national officers we extend our earnest wishes for such peace and comfort as is possible.

Thanks to the kindly attention which our members gave to the request in the March News-Letter that missing numbers of the Bulletin be sent to headquarters, in order that the National Society might own a complete file, the President National was able to exhibit to the Associate Council a bound set complete from the first issue to the beginning of the present administration. Some duplicates have been sent to headquarters, and if any state needs these to complete a state file and will ask for them by the "Total Number" they will be forwarded if possible. It is hoped that the historian of each state society will keep a complete file of the News-Letters. An extra copy of each issue is sent to each state in order that the historian may have an extra copy to keep for the state in addition to her own personal copy.

The President National reported a new state society organized in West Virginia with eleven charter members and Mrs. Parks Fisher President. Also five new chapters during the year as follows: The James Madison Chapter with Mrs. Edwin H. Van Ostrand of Madison, Wis., Regent; the Robert Fearn, Sr. Chapter with Mrs. John A. Luck of Guntersville, Ala., Regent; the Col. Richard Dennis No. 1 Chapter, with Mrs. Dudley E. Cornell of Kansas City, Kan., Regent; the John Kinzie Chapter with Mrs. James A. Dick of Oak Park, Ill., Regent; the Kaskaskia Chapter with Mrs. Charles E. Davidson of Greenville, Ill., Regent; and the Gen. Isaac Shelby Chapter with Mrs. Elvert M. Davis of Grand Rapids, Mich., Regent. Another new chapter has been added since the annual meeting: the Col. Samuel Morton Rutherford Chapter with Mrs. A. W. Irving of Ft. Smith, Ark., Regent.

Also since April Mrs. James Schoonmaker, 35 Lexington Parkway, St. Paul, Minn., has been appointed Organizing President for Minnesota.

The Registrar National and President National reported a larger number of new members added to the society during the year than ever before, 91 more having been added than during the preceding year. The Registrar National did all the genealogical work on these papers, the giving of national numbers and the recording in the National Register and much other clerical work, which through lack of understanding was not done in the states. At headquarters was done the work of giving state numbers, recording in all other national records, and in the card catalogue, of notifying the new members and the state presidents, and of returning the membership papers to the National Registrar and to the state presidents. The states ranked in order of membership April 24th last as follows:

Missouri, 376; New York, 371; Pennsylvania, 291; Illinois, 260; New Jersey, 182; Virginia, 133; Ohio, 123; Texas, 113; Maryland, 109; Vermont, 106; Arkansas, 98; Connecticut, 93; Nebraska, 81; District of Columbia, 77; Michigan, 77; Maine, 74; Wisconsin, 73; Alabama, 63; Tennessee, 59; Louisiana, 53; Georgia, 51; Colorado, 47; Iowa and California, each, 37; Indiana, 35; Delaware, 33; Kansas, 32; Mississippi, 29; Oklahoma, 22; Kentucky, 21; Florida, 19; South Carolina, 13; West Virginia, 11.

The order of the states in number of new members was as follows:

Illinois, 62; Missouri, 59; New York, 36; New Jersey, 33; Maine and Virginia, each, 23; Pennsylvania, 21; Arkansas, 20; Wisconsin, 14; Kansas, 16; District of Columbia, 12; Texas, 11; Nebraska, 10; Michigan, 10; Connecticut, 9; Mississippi and Tennessee, each, 8; Alabama, West Virginia, each, 7; Kentucky, 6; Indiana and South Carolina, each, 5; Florida, and California, each, 4; Maryland, Ohio and Colorado, each, 3; Louisiana, 2; Georgia, Oklahoma, North Carolina, each, 1. Transfers are not counted in these figures because they do not add to the number of members in the national society.

The President National wrote during the year 3,988 letters and postals. She signed all membership papers in duplicate or triplicate, all bills, all certificates of membership, all real daughters' certificates, and all changes of roll due to marriage, death, transfer, resignation or dropping of members. She sent the News-Letters to state presidents, members-at-large, public libraries, genealogical and historical societies, etc.

She acted as chairman of the printing committee from Jan. 12th to date because of the illness of Mr. Earle, and had printed membership application blanks,

revisions of the constitution, postal cards, letter heads and envelopes, News-Letters, credential cards, badges, ballots, etc.

Another very tedious and wearisome work has been accomplished at headquarters, namely, one original typewritten and two carbon copies have been made in full of the membership book. These copies give the name and address and the national and state number of every member ever admitted to the society. It also accounts for every member whose name has been taken from the rolls either by death, resignation or dropping, with the date. It gives the mailing list for the News-Letter. These copies have been made in order that they might be in the possession of other officers than of the president alone, as at present, and also in order that, if the president's copy should be destroyed by fire or other accident, there might be another copy in existence. Anyone who has ever tried to copy nearly five thousand names and addresses and nearly ten thousand numbers can appreciate that the copying of the membership book is truly a long and tedious undertaking.

The Registrar National has pasted the membership application papers of this administration in filing books, according to the order of national numbers, and she has indexed these papers, so that any one can be found in a moment. She has also made a card catalogue of the ancestors of the new members of the past two years, and there are already over one thousand names in this catalogue. This has been a very burdensome task, voluntarily undertaken, but it has immensely facilitated the work both for the present and the future.

The Curator National asks that every state society send her a typewritten list of all historical relics owned by the state society, in order that the national society may know the valuable possessions of this character owned by its state branches.

The Chairman of Real Daughters' Pins, Miss Edge, reported 49 pins given during the year, making a total of 526 pins thus far given to real daughters by the national society. One was given to Mrs. Sawin of Madison, Wis., on her 100th birthday in April, 1916. On May 30th of this year, she was called to a higher life.

The Chairman of Grave Markers, Mrs. Brumbaugh, reported 79 official bronze markers placed during the year, as follows: New York, 45; (largely replacing with our own marker the men's marker formerly used by this society), Ohio, 7; Arkansas, 6; District of Columbia and New Jersey, each, 5; Indiana, Illinois and Missouri, each, 3; Connecticut and Delaware, each, 1. She also reported a boulder, in Old Eastern Cemetery, Portland, Me., marking thirty graves.

The state presidents reported a wonderful amount of valuable work both as related to present day needs and to preserving the history of the past. Much has also been accomplished since April, especially in war relief work. Lack of space prevents telling the story in this issue of the News-Letter, but it will be given to all our members in time for it is too inspiring to be omitted. We may all justly rejoice and take pride in the achievements of our state societies.

The names and addresses of State Presidents, Organizing Presidents and National Chairmen are given once a year. Therefore please preserve this list for reference.

STATE PRESIDENTS.

Ala.	Mrs. Harry T. Inge.....	940 Government St., Mobile.
Ark.	Mrs. S. P. Davis.....	523 E. Capitol Ave., Little Rock.
Cal.	Mrs. R. G. Rhodes.....	1045 Manhattan Place, Los Angeles,
Colo.	Mrs. Frank Wheaton.....	939 Washington St., Denver.
Conn.	Mrs. Clarence F. R. Jenne.....	47 May St., Hartford.
Del.	Mrs. Thos. C. Munn.....	1509 Delaware Ave., Wilmington.
D. C.	Mrs. Kate Kearney Henry.....	2021 1 St., N. W., Washington.
Fla.	Miss Ella M. Rorabeck.....	1848 Liberty St. Jacksonville.
Ga.	Miss Nina Hornady.....	65 E. Linden Ave., Atlanta.
Ill.	Mrs. Charles E. Herrick.....	3809 Ellis Ave., Chicago.
Ind.	Mrs. F. A. Morrison.....	1422 Park Ave., Indianapolis.
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Kan.	Mrs. Selden H. Kilgore.....	1226 N. Market St., Wichita.
Ky.	Mrs. W. H. Thompson.....	139 N. Main St., Lexington.
La.	Mrs. Marion Roger Bankston.....	6321 Ferret St., New Orleans.
Me.	Mrs. John C. Brown.....	440 Cumberland Ave., Portland.
Md.	Mrs. R. Ross Holloway.....	Roland Park, Baltimore Co.
Mich.	Mrs. James H. Campbell.....	37 Prospect Ave., N. E., Grand Rapids.
Miss.	Mrs. Robert B. Mims.....	406 N. State St., Jackson.
Mo.	Mrs. Theodore Shelton.....	4467 Lindell Blvd., St. Louis.

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N. J.	Mrs. Mathias Steelman.....	18 Orchard St., Elizabeth.
N. Y.	Mrs. William Gerry Slade.....	332 W. 87th St., New York.
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Ver.	Mrs. Arthur S. Isham.....	308 Pearl St., Burlington.
Va.	Mrs. W. Samuel Goodwyn.....	Emporia.
W. Va.	Mrs. Parks Fisher.....	Morgantown.
Wis.	Mrs. Carroll M. Towne.....	264 Ogden Ave., Milwaukee.

ORGANIZING STATE PRESIDENTS.

Minnesota—Mrs. James Schoonmaker, 35 Lexington Parkway, St. Paul.
 North Carolina—Miss Mary H. Hinton, "Midway Plantation," Raleigh.
 New Hampshire—Mrs. Charles H. Spooner, Charlestown, N. H.
 Philippine Islands—Mrs. Truman S. Holt, Iloilo.

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 Grave Marker—Mrs. G. M. Brumbaugh, 905 Massachusetts Ave., N. W., Washington, D. C.

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In accordance with the promise in the March News-Letter that the names of the committees serving for our pleasure and comfort during the Associate Council, would be given later, they are here recorded:

Banquet Committee—Mrs. Charles B. Tozier, Ohio, Chairman; Mrs. Purcell, Virginia, Mrs. Speight, Virginia, Miss Hardy, Arkansas, Mrs. Quicksall, District of Columbia, Mrs. Spencer, Tennessee, Mrs. Carruth, Florida, Mrs. Baldwin, Connecticut, and Mrs. Bahnsen, Illinois.

Credential Committee—Mrs. G. M. Brumbaugh, District of Columbia; Chairman; Mrs. Shawhan, Alabama, Mrs. Lamb, Vermont, Mrs. Retan, Arkansas and Mrs. Mack, Ohio.

Tellers—Mrs. Hiney, Pennsylvania, Chairman; Mrs. Wood, New York, Mrs. Friebie, Iowa, Mrs. King, Delaware, Miss Grace Pierce, New York and Mrs. Brumbaugh, District Columbia.

Press Committee—Mrs. Potts, District of Columbia, Chairman; Mrs. Holt, Philippine Islands and Mrs. Fitzwilliam, Illinois.

House Committee—Mrs. John H. Hanley, Illinois, Chairman; Mrs. Trotzman, Wisconsin and Mrs. Callan, New York.

Pages—Miss Genevieve Davidson, Illinois, Miss Dick, Illinois, Miss Speight, Virginia, Miss Berryman, District of Columbia, Miss Ferguson, Wisconsin, Miss Wight, Wisconsin, and Miss Weston, Illinois.

The District of Columbia Branch of our society again most generously and courteously gave the delegates and all visiting Daughters of 1812 a reception elegant in all details Monday evening in the Red Parlor of the New Willard Hotel. The national officers and all "real daughters" were in the receiving line with the President of our hostess society, Mrs. Kate Kearney Henry. The occasion was made especially interesting and memorable by the presentation to the District Society of a United States flag which was a replica of the one flying over Fort McHenry during the War of 1812, which flag inspired the writing of "The Star-Spangled Banner." This replica was especially unique and precious because made by hand by fourteen "real daughters" of the District Society. It has fifteen stars and fifteen stripes, and is one-third the size of the original flag. The latter is now in the National Museum in Washington. Mrs. Quicksall, a real daughter, introduced Mrs. Potts, our third vice-president national, who presented the flag to Mrs. Henry, who accepted it for the District Society, all speaking most inspiringly of patriotism during the War of 1812 and today, as symbolized by the flag. Mrs. Potts, the originator of the idea of this flag, hand-made by "real daughters," kept a record of exactly what part each one sewed, and this record with the autograph of the

worker, and the name and service of her father will be preserved in the archives of the District Society.

Tuesday evening the members of the society present in Washington from Maine to California, Texas and Florida to attend our annual meeting, had the pleasure of dining together in the Ball Room of the New Willard, the President National acting as toast-mistress. Our minds and hearts were filled with the heavy responsibilities and dangers confronting our country, with which the whole atmosphere of Washington was surcharged. Congress was in session considering war legislation, the French and British Commissions were the guests of our government. No one in official life would make engagements to deliver addresses at any given date. Hon. Champ Clark, Democratic Speaker of the House, and Hon. Joseph Cannon, ex-Republican Speaker of the House, promised to come to us and address us if their public duties did not make it impossible, but that very evening their presence was required at an official reception in the beautiful Pan-American Building to our illustrious guest from over the seas. We were favored however with fine short addresses from our distinguished dinner guests, Mr. Thomas S. Hopkins of Washington, Past Governor-General of the "Society of Mayflower Descendants," Miss Stella Pickett Hardy of Arkansas, Vice-President of the "First Families of Virginia," Mrs. Sioussat of Maryland, Second Vice-President of the "Colonial Dames of America," Mrs. Thomas K. Noble of Washington, National President of the "Daughters of Founders and Patriots," Mrs. George Thacher Guernsey of Kansas, President General of the "Daughters of the American Revolution," Mrs. Greve of Ohio, First Vice-President of the "United States Daughters of 1812," Miss M. Louise Edge of New Jersey, Chairman of Real Daughters' Pins, and Mrs. John A. Logan of Illinois, War Relief, (Paper read by her daughter, Mrs. Tucker.)

Our own State Presidents then gave brief extemporaneous addresses, and showed such ease, grace and ability as speakers, and such patriotic fervor, that all were proud to claim them as our own members, and glad to have this more intimate acquaintance with them. The evening seemed to be greatly enjoyed by all the large number present.

Since the adjournment of the Associate Council, the time of your President National has been largely filled with war preparedness work, as many of you realize because your own time and energies have been similarly occupied. Your President National is a member of the Associate Council of the Illinois Branch of the Woman's Committee of the Council of National Defense, and has attended all the meetings, in addition to many other committee meetings for war preparedness and relief. She was pleased and honored to be a guest at the official reception in Chicago given Marshal Joffre, Ex-Premier Viviani, and the other members of the French Commission. It was a great privilege to meet the Hero of the Marne face-to-face, and shake hands with him. Mrs. Massey, Charter Trustee National, represented this society upon a like occasion in New York.

Mrs. Greve, our first Vice-President National, represented this society May 25th at the placing of our official marker upon the grave of William Henry Harrison at North Bend, O. As you know he was Governor of the Northwest Territory during our period, and Commanding General at the Battle of the Thames during the War of 1812, and later President of the United States. A fuller account of this ceremony will be given in the next News-Letter with the report of the work of the state societies.

Our Third Vice-President, Mrs. Potts, represented this society at the "Congress on Woman's Work in War Time," on the grounds of the encampment of the "First National Service School" in the District of Columbia. She will also represent us June 14th in Washington at a meeting of the "National Committee of Defense and Patriotic Societies." It is hoped that Mrs. Greve will represent us in Washington June 19th at the first meeting called by the "Woman's Committee of the Council of National Defense."

Mrs. Inge, President of the Alabama State Society, whose youngest son has enlisted, has formed a "Mothers' Army and Navy League" and hopes to have branches in every state.

Many of our members have sons in our army and navy, some of the younger members have seen their husbands go, and the older members, their grandsons. To all we extend our appreciation of their privilege in being able to give the most precious gift to their country, and our urgent hope that their loved ones may return to them to be for many years honored as the Defenders of the Republic. We who remain at home will not weary in doing what we can to add to their comfort and safety. We shall think of them with solicitude and pride. The summer vacation must mean patriotic service for every United States Daughter of 1812. May the service bring its own blessing of comfort to each one of us during these anxious days.

Faithfully yours,

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President National.

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To the National and State Officers and Members of the N. S. U. S. D., 1812.

In the press of war preparedness and war relief work of many kinds it is difficult to find time to write this report of what we are doing, but with the hope that the story may bring encouragement and fresh energy to us all in our patriotic service, other duties are laid aside for a short time, to tell you of the recent service of your fellow members in the N. S. U. S. D., 1812.

The account is very fragmentary and incomplete because your state presidents are so occupied with the immediate needs of this critical time, that they are not keeping and forwarding to national headquarters full reports of what is accomplished.

As this is an historical society, and we shall publish at the close of the war a book giving the summary of our service, it is most earnestly requested that each society send to headquarters an accurate, concise, full record of all its contributions in men, money, Red Cross supplies, and personal service in any form due to war conditions.

We are proud to say that no "slackers" are found among our members. It was a foregone conclusion, and is justified by the facts, that every Daughter of 1812 would be found supporting the Government and our Army and Navy, and doing her utmost to uphold the cause of liberty and justice, as our forefathers did before us. We honor them by following in their footsteps.

But let not the record be lost to history. Will not every state president, either herself, or by appointment of some one especially well-fitted for the task, make sure that the facts of service are recorded and reported to national headquarters?

1. Relatives in war service, with full name, title (if any) and branch of the service.
2. Names of subscribers to the first or second Liberty Loans or to later ones. Amounts need not be stated.
3. How many members of the Red Cross? How many have taken one or more of the Red Cross courses of instruction? Surgical supplies, hospital garments, knitted garments, comfort kits, etc., furnished?
4. How many Hoover food conservation pledges signed?
5. Other services.

The United States Government will forever keep an honor list of those who offer their lives for their country, and also of those who do incomparably less, but an equally necessary service, in lending their money to buy the needed supplies for those whose lives stand between us and ruthless tyranny.

Surely this society must keep such an honor roll of its own members.

The national society has bought a five hundred dollar Liberty Bond from funds in the national treasury. This is the first financial investment that the national society has ever been able to make, and it could not be a better one.

The work of the state societies will be given under state headings. All are giving noble and devoted service but all have not reported.

The routine work is continuing as usual in national and state societies, and in addition to routine and war work some time, money and strength have been given for historical memorials to the great men and noted events which this society commemorates (1784 to 1815).

This society joins the other hereditary-patriotic societies in placing its own tribute to Washington in the Washington Memorial Chapel at Valley Forge. Our gift is five altar vases, hand-carved and five feet high, designed by the architect of the chapel in order to be in keeping with the surroundings. The vases have our insignia carved upon them and the inscription: "National Society United States Daughters 1812 to George Washington, First President of the United States." We thus pay our tribute to the first citizen of this Republic during the first fifteen years of our historical period.

One large and two small state societies are the only ones which have not as yet given their full share as a voluntary contribution to this memorial, and it is hoped payment from them has only been delayed, as we should be sorry indeed to have even one of our sister societies not represented in this national tribute **unanimously** voted by the associate council at its annual meeting last April. The Pennsylvania Society has generously given far more than its share and offers the money, if not needed for the vases, to defray expenses of the dedicatory ceremonies, which will probably take place next April after our annual meeting.

Newly elected state presidents are as follows:

Ohio. Mrs. George T. McIntosh, 2238 Devonshire Drive, Ambler Heights, Cleveland, succeeds Mrs. Jacobi.

Texas. Mrs. James C. Muse, 5303 Swiss Ave., Dallas, succeeds Mrs. Buford.

Vermont. Mrs. Charles H. Reade, South Hero, succeeds Mrs. Isham.

One new chapter has been organized: The John S. Reid Chapter of Lorain, Ohio, with Mrs. D. E. Parsons as regent.

Missouri still leads all the states in membership and New Jersey has stepped into fifth place.

The order of the states in number of new members from the annual meeting to October first was as follows: Ohio, 17; Missouri, 12; Arkansas, 11; Connecticut, 8; New Jersey, 4; Illinois, Pennsylvania and New York, each 3; Indiana, Wisconsin, Michigan, District of Columbia, Louisiana, Texas, Maine and Florida, each 2; Virginia, Tennessee, Kansas, South Carolina and Nebraska, each 1; and 3 members-at-large.

By authorization of the national board a filing cabinet has been purchased in order that the society may have its papers, letters and membership cards filed in one place and according to the most modern business-like system.

The president national has written for this society 1,096 letters and postals since May first.

During three months of the summer she attended to all routine work without a secretary, thus saving the society all clerical expense.

The State Membership Rolls were sent to the state presidents October first.

The June News-Letter, giving an account of the annual meeting the last week in April, went to press about May 20th and was mailed to state presidents June 1st, and should have reached every member soon thereafter. Surely there is one member in every state who would gladly mail them to her fellow-members promptly, so that each one may keep fully in touch with her society all the time.

During September your president national had the great pleasure of visiting the charming president of the Vermont Society in her beautiful old home in Burlington, and of being the guest of the society at its annual meeting and luncheon. Everything was perfectly planned and carried out, and this visit takes its place in memory with other visits to our state societies never to be forgotten for their charm and inspiration. The magnificent natural beauties of this part of our country cannot be exaggerated.

Mrs. Potts, our third vice president national, represented this society at the fall meeting of the Woman's Liberty Loan Committee (national) in Washington, D. C. Your president national sent a communication to every state president, asking her to be active in furthering the loan in every possible way. Mrs. Potts also represented the society at a meeting in Washington October 23rd on "War Camp Recreations."

October 12th the national board meeting was held in Chicago. Mrs. Herrick, President of our Illinois Society, entertained the national and state boards as her guests for luncheon at the Chicago College Club. On the preceding afternoon, Mrs. Wiles invited all the members of the Illinois Society and the heads of other hereditary-patriotic societies to meet the national board at her home, the Hotel del Prado.

October 30th to November 2nd your president national is to be the guest of the Ohio State Conference of the Daughters of the American Revolution in Dayton, and on the opening evening she is on the program to give a greeting from this society to its elder sister society.

The next annual meeting will be in Washington, D. C., the week of April 23rd.

The next board meeting will be in Chicago the week of January 6th.

WORK OF THE STATE SOCIETIES

(Many reports incomplete)

Alabama. Mrs. Inge, the state president, has two sons in active service.

She has organized a section of the Navy League, and undertaken having five hundred sets of garments knitted (sweater, helmet, muffler and mittens), asking the men of Alabama to give the money for the wool.

The society has contributed to the Belgian Relief Fund and to the Fund for French Wounded and made surgical dressings.

Long ago the Birmingham Chapter had knitted thirty garments.

On the 17th of May, the society unveiled a boulder with tablet marking the location of the massacre of Fort Mims, where three hundred men, women and

children were killed by the Creek Indians during the War of 1812. The presentation address was made by Mrs. Woodrow, Regent of the Alabama Charter Chapter of Birmingham. Many direct descendants of the men who defended the fort were present, and one of them, Mrs. B. W. Padgett, State Secretary, and representing the Padgett family, direct descendants of Samuel Mims, presented an acre of ground surrounding the boulder to the society. The land was accepted on behalf of the society by Mrs. Shawhan, State Historian and Regent of the Octagon Chapter. Miss Helen Gwin, great-great-granddaughter of Samuel Mims, assisted in the unveiling. Mrs. Stanley Finch of Mobile, speaking for Miss Stedham, presented to the society the knife which Jesse Stedham, her grandfather, in his thrilling escape from the massacre, carried between his teeth while swimming across the river with his rifle under his wounded arm. A laurel wreath and flag were placed upon the boulder by Dalton Hall.

Arkansas. The society served sandwiches to the 1st Arkansas Regiment upon its return from the Mexican Border and again to the 2nd Regiment upon its return, each time making over 12,000 sandwiches. The society also assisted in giving a dinner to the troops at Fort Logan H. Roots. Medals presented the soldiers by the state were pinned upon them by the ladies of Little Rock.

One of our official bronze markers was placed with appropriate ceremonies upon the grave of Governor George Isard in Mt. Holly Cemetery. He was a native of South Carolina; served in the War of 1812 as Major-General; was appointed Second Territorial Governor by President Monroe in 1825 and served until his death in 1828.

On May 30th a marker was also placed on the grave of Governor Roan.

A cotton picking party was recently held at which the members picked cotton in the field to sell to raise money to complete the payment for the drinking fountain which the Nicholas Headington Chapter has erected in the State Capitol grounds in memory of soldiers and sailors of 1812 buried in Arkansas. Thirty-four names of such soldiers are inscribed on the fountain. The unveiling was the chief feature of the annual meeting of the society in Little Rock October 18th. The state society gave \$25 towards the cost of the memorial.

Another notable event was the presentation by the state board to the state society of a United States flag, a replica of the one which floated over Fort McHenry when "The Star-Spangled Banner" was written.

Miss Hardy, Honorary State President, has compiled a lineage book of the society, copies of which will be presented to the Arkansas History Commission and to the Congressional Library.

Colorado. The society has continued its Red Cross and other patriotic work. It sent reading matter, and also money to buy ice cream to the army hospitals on the Mexican Border.

It has twice contributed to the support of the leper hospital near Tokio, Japan.

Connecticut. The society has bought a Liberty Bond.

Resolutions were adopted and sent to Governor Holcomb assuring him of support and service in any way needed during the war.

It was voted that every member identify herself with the Red Cross. All are working for the Red Cross. Fifty dollars was given to the latter.

On Memorial Day a wreath was placed by the society on the grave of Commodore McDonough in the old Middletown cemetery. A historical picture of the 1812 period was given as usual to a public school.

Delaware. The society is working with the Red Cross.

The District of Columbia. The society is working with the Red Cross under the leadership of a committee of which Mrs. Brumbaugh is chairman. Ten dollars was voted for materials, and tray cloths, napkins, wash cloths, sponges, gauze bandages, etc., were sent to a base hospital near Key West.

The gold medal given yearly to a member of the graduating class in the High School for the best essay on some subject connected with the War of 1812 was awarded to William Richard Carbo of Venezuela, who wrote on the timely topic, "The Unpreparedness of the United States in the War of 1812." In future the medal will be named the "Josephine Perry Memorial Medal" for Mrs. Perry, who took such untiring interest in promoting the study of American History.

Florida. The society has contributed five dollars to the Clara Barton Memorial Fund, Mrs. John A. Logan, Chairman.

It has identified itself with the "Duval County Federation of Women's Clubs" in order to assist in securing prompt and efficient action in all matters of community welfare.

Georgia. Members have joined the Red Cross.

They marched in a "preparedness" parade of 15,000 women.

They made a display of historical relics of the War of 1812 at the Southeastern Fair at Lakewood Park, near Atlanta, which experts pronounced the most remarkable outside a public museum. It was the center of wide interest, and the Fair Association showed its appreciation by giving the society a place at the speakers'

table at the congratulatory dinner. The same collection was displayed at a "tea" at the home of the President, Miss Hornady.

Illinois. Mrs. Stansfield's husband is a Major at Camp Logan, Houston, Tex. Mrs. D. Jack Foster's husband is a Brigadier General. Mrs. Thomas J. Felton's husband is an officer in the 2d Illinois Infantry at Houston. Mrs. McWilliams-Holt's only son is Major Howard of the regular army and he has gone to France to join General Pershing's staff as Paymaster. Mrs. A. W. Walker's son is in the University of Chicago Ambulance Corps No. 3. Mrs. Bolté's son, Charles L. Bolté, is a Lieutenant in the regular army, 58th Infantry, and her son, R. A. Bolté, a sergeant in the 149th U. S. Field Artillery, and is now in transport. Twenty members have reported relatives in the service.

The state society has invested one hundred dollars of its real daughters' fund in Liberty Bonds. About \$4,100 has been reported as subscribed for these bonds by individual members.

The members are working with the Red Cross and Navy League.

The society has secured, with the help of other societies, a city ordinance prohibiting the playing of the Star-Spangled Banner in a medley or for dancing or for an exit march.

A large silk flag with jointed pole surmounted by a miniature American eagle has been presented to the society by Mrs. James A. Ostrom.

Miss Helmershausen won the first prize offered by the American Flag Day Association for a song to be used in their flag celebrations. It is called "The Voice of the Flag."

Indiana. Mrs. Charles A. Reeve's son is serving in France. Four other members have relatives in the service and one is in the training camp at Fort Harrison.

The state society has twenty-five dollars toward its contribution to the "Pioneer Mothers' Memorial." It is supporting two French orphans. The State and Philip Schoff Chapter have together given \$75 to the Red Cross. The latter chapter has purchased a \$50 Liberty Bond.

Iowa. The society has presented to the Medical Corps, Iowa National Guards, a "blood tester," a very necessary instrument, for which the physicians were most grateful.

Kansas. Members are knitting and doing other Red Cross work.

The Col. Richard Dennis Chapter of Kansas City gave a typewriter costing \$40 to Ambulance Corps No. 2, that being the article most needed at the time. The commanding officer was First Lieutenant Richard D. Speck, a great-grandson of the man for whom the chapter was named.

This chapter gave a "tea" in honor of its member, Mrs. E. C. Little, wife of United States Representative Little, and presented her with the insignia of the society.

A souvenir 1812 spoon was given to little Shiloh Elizabeth, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Holmes, she being the first baby born to a member of the chapter. She was named for her grandmother, who was born during the battle of Shiloh.

The Kansas Society more than doubled its membership last year.

Louisiana. A \$1,000 Liberty Bond has been bought by the society, which is the largest subscription reported from any state treasury, and at the time it was reported to headquarters, it was the largest contribution from any woman's organization in Louisiana.

The society has given \$25 to the Red Cross, and has formed an active Red Cross Circle, while also helping the Navy League. One of the real daughters, Mrs. Tennent, is "knitting from six o'clock in the morning until nine at night."

The society assisted in entertaining the delegates to the council meeting in New Orleans of the General Federation of Women's Clubs.

Maine. The society is working with the Red Cross; has had classes in "Surgical Dressings"; has given money to the Red Cross and to the Belgian Relief Fund; has contributed money, food and clothing to the needy of Portland; and has increased its Alexander Scammell Wadsworth Fund. It is helping a little girl prepare to enter the Perkins Institute for the Blind.

A beautiful silk flag was presented to the society.

At the annual field day in July a silk flag was given as a prize to the member or guest who could write the words of the Star-Spangled Banner from memory. It was won by a member, Miss Ada C. Cole.

Maryland. The only son of the State President, Mrs. Holloway, is in the aviation service at the Jamestown naval base.

The society has taken \$150 in Liberty Bonds, and individual members have brought the amount to over \$1,000.

The society has held weekly all-day meetings all summer for Red Cross work. The class in "Surgical Dressings" have received their certificates, and are taking the course for instructors' certificates. The society made 1,300 gauze bandages, accepted as "absolutely perfect," and other articles, to the number of over 2,000 for U. S. Base Hospital No. 2. The society gave \$50 to the Base Hospital in

Baltimore and \$74 to complete the equipment of this hospital. It gave \$340 to the Red Cross. More than twenty-five members are knitting, and they will completely equip a battleship with sweaters, helmets, mittens and scarfs.

The society is collecting books for the library at Camp Meade, and also contributing preserves and canned goods to "Uncle Sam's Shelf."

Michigan. Mrs. J. V. Moran, ex-State President, wrote me on Oct. 4th that she had three sons and three sons-in-law in her country's service. She died on Oct. 12th, a great loss to her family and friends. "Well done, good and faithful servant."

Mrs. Campbell, State President, is giving all her time and strength to the Red Cross and Navy League work. The Isaac Shelby Chapter of her home city, Grand Rapids, has been responsible for furnishing over 700 comfort bags for the navy and for 180 sweaters given to the Michigan boys on the Battleship Iowa. It has made and packed for the Red Cross 250 comfort kits for hospital and ambulance corps. The 32nd Regiment lacked 270 housewives and the chapter supplied the need. The chapter has given \$50 for a bed in the Detroit Base Hospital.

Five dollars was given to the "Americanization" work in Grand Rapids.

A beautiful large Red Cross flag was given to headquarters, which hangs on the staff with the United States flag given to the chapter by W. R. Shelby, grandson of General Shelby, for whom the 1812 chapter was named.

The latter chapter was asked by the Chamber of Commerce to fill 125 kits for the local naval militia, in three days before their departure. The "Auxiliary Girls" of the chapter completed the job on time, supplying 1,625 items for the kits. It was learned that the uniforms supplied the boys did not fit and that there was no money to alter them, but the ladies of the chapter took a tailors' firm of three members with their workmen to the armory, and in three days the uniforms, too, were in proper order.

A bust of General Lewis Cass, the "Master-Maker" of Michigan, has been presented to the Grand Rapids Public Library by the chapter, the presentation address being made by W. R. Shelby, a grandson of General Shelby, the latter a soldier of both the American Revolution and of the War of 1812, while Mrs. Shelby is a direct descendant of Jonathan Cass. The bust was unveiled by a granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Shelby, Eileen Tunnicliffe. The bust is the original model made by an Ohio sculptor, T. D. Jones, in 1848, on order of the democrats of Louisiana, when General Cass was running for President of the United States. General Cass was also a hero of 1812, and broke his sword rather than yield it to the British when Hull surrendered Detroit. He was Governor of Michigan, Secretary of War, U. S. Senator and Minister to France.

Missouri. The state society and its eight chapters are all working with the Red Cross. Its 1812 Red Cross unit has more than 150 members and is doing much fine work.

A great deal has been done in restoring the last resting places of 1812 heroes, especially of General David Thomson and of Lewis Redd Major.

Mrs. Shelton, State President, has presented to the chapters 1,000 copies of a ritual to be used in connection with patriotic exercises when the official grave marker is placed upon a grave of a soldier or sailor of 1812.

The society has established the "Janie Shelton Real Daughters' Fund," now amounting to over \$100. The names of all contributors are inscribed in a beautiful book reserved for this purpose.

One needy real daughter is sent \$5 each month.

The state society has made a competitive gift of a U. S. Flag to the chapter admitting the largest number of new members in a year, the chapter to keep and use the flag until it is won from them by another chapter.

The society is urging the passage of the legislative bill for the mural decoration of the new Capitol.

The highly valuable historical and genealogical work for the bronze tablet, "Famous Pioneer Missourians," completing "The Tri-Partite Tribute" of the society to the pioneers of the state, has been finished, through the indefatigable labor of Mrs. DeGarmo and her committee. The tablet will soon be placed beside its companion piece, also sculptured in bronze, "Procession of Pioneer Types," in the Jefferson Memorial Building. It gives the names of famous pioneers from 1793 to 1826, the claims of all of whom as contributors to the public welfare have been rigorously verified by a committee of historians.

Nebraska. Members have done much war work. Under the leadership of Mrs. William Archibald Smith, a branch of the National League for Woman's Service was formed early last spring and eleven divisions created, including agriculture, home economics, hospital supply work, telegraphy, signaling and map reading.

It was voted to give pictures of "Perry's Victory on Lake Erie" to all the towns in the state where the society has three or more members, these pictures to be placed either in the Public Library or High School. They were given last year to Fairbury, Crawford and David City.

New Jersey. The state society has adopted a French orphan.

It placed a bronze candlestick and shade in the First Church, Elizabeth, in memory of Dr. Whittaker.

The Captain James Lawrence Chapter of Haddonfield added a mahogany desk

to the Chapter Room in the house where Dolly Madison visited her uncle, Hugh Creighton.

New York. The son-in-law, Mr. Crombie, of Mrs. Slade, State President, is a Captain in the service.

New York has completed its \$10,000 pension fund.

It has endowed in perpetuity a room in the "Chapin Home for the Aged." A tablet on the door is inscribed:

"Mrs. William Gerry Slade Memorial,
With the appreciation of the
N. S. U. S. D. 1812, State of New York."

This beautiful testimonial to Mrs. Slade is for the benefit of any New York members who may ever require such a home. It is non-sectarian, its motto being: "Not your creed but your need." Five thousand dollars were paid and the legal papers signed on the birthday anniversary of Mrs. Crombie (Mrs. Slade's daughter). Mr. Slade was an attendant and pew holder for many years of Dr. Chapin's Church.

In addition to its large expenditures New York has a fund for help in this present war crisis. A donation has been made to Mrs. Usher, wife of the Commandant of the Brooklyn Navy Yard, for the care of a certain number of families of those enlisting.

Over 60 members are knitting, the society providing the wool and needles. They are giving knitted sets of five pieces each to a supply ship. Under the Red Cross others have entered the service of the Flower Hospital, which has been commandeered by the United States Government.

The Niagara Frontier Buffalo Chapter, Mrs. Horton, Regent, has accomplished much in Red Cross work, sewing and knitting indefatigably through the summer. It has completed its fourth hospital equipment. It co-operated with the Buffalo Chapter, D. A. R., in the Belgian Division of the Allied Bazaar.

The General Walter Mason Chapter of Lowville, Mrs. Farrington, Regent, has pledged that each member will make a Christmas bag for the soldiers, and will assist in other war work. Twelve dollars has been given for a French orphan, and \$15 to the Red Cross.

The Commodore Woolsey Chapter of Utica, Mrs. Roberts, Regent, has given \$20 to the Red Cross.

Ohio. Mrs. Jacobi, Retiring President, has a son in the 148th U. S. Infantry.

The society has taken a \$50 Liberty Bond.

It has given \$110 for patriotic work.

It has placed our official grave marker upon the grave of William Henry Harrison at North Bend. He was the victorious General at the Battle of the Thames, Governor of the Northwest Territory and President of the United States. Miss Kennedy arranged memorable ceremonies for the placing of the marker. A large party of U. S. D. 1812 and of D. A. R. and members of the Business Men's Club of Cincinnati attended. Miss Kennedy gave an address and placed a wreath of smilax on the tomb. The Business Men's Club of Cincinnati then presented a splendid flag with steel pole. The children of the public school of North Bend sang "The Star-Spangled Banner" while the flag was run up. Mrs. Greve, First Vice-President National, representing this National Society, read a paper on the patriotic services of Harrison, and at its conclusion placed on the tomb a large, handsome wreath of calyx leaves and white carnations tied with ribbons. Mrs. Pauly, Regent of the Cincinnati Chapter, D. A. R., read a paper on Harrison's private life and placed a wreath from the D. A. R. The French Consul spoke enthusiastically and placed a small French flag near the marker. Mrs. Jacobi sent a flag from the State Society, U. S. D. 1812, to be placed on the tomb. Mr. Hendrix, representing the Harrison family, in a formal speech thanked the Daughters of 1812 for honoring the Hero of the Thames.

Commodore Perry Chapter of Cleveland had the marker of this society placed upon the grave of Commodore Perry in Newport, R. I.

This chapter gave \$25 to the families of soldiers, and \$25 to the surgical department of the Red Cross, and \$5 to the soldiers' library fund.

Mrs. Terwilleger is organizer of the Glenville Library Branch of the Red Cross work, and Mrs. Meade has entered her second year in charge of the Red Cross work of the College Club Branch. Twenty-five Christmas bags are ready. The members work at Red Cross headquarters every week. Several have completed the Red Cross study courses and are instructing others. One is a member of the Mayor's War Committee of fifty. All members physically able joined the League for Woman's Service and also the Woman's Section of the Navy League.

The chapter is working with other societies to preserve the Erie St. Cemetery, where soldiers and sailors of 1812 are buried.

The Security Saving and Loan Co. of Cleveland has appointed a Woman's Auxiliary Board to help them devise ways to teach the women how to save money. This board consults with the directors of the company upon its policies. This is an innovation for Cleveland. Mrs. Jacobi and Mrs. Tozier of our society are members of this new board.

The Peter Navarre Chapter of Toledo is working with the Red Cross and has given the latter \$10. Its Regent, Mrs. Dimick, is one of the Woman's Patriotic Association recently organized.

Every member of the Madison-McKinley Chapter is a member of the Red Cross and all are at work. Twenty dollars has been given to the Red Cross. Five dollars was given to the Soldiers and Sailors' Monument in West Lawn Cemetery.

A deed in perfect condition, given to Bazaleel Wells, Founder of Canton, and signed by Madison as President and Monroe as Secretary of State, was filed in the office of the County Recorder.

A framed picture of "The Birth of Our Nation's Flag," in colors, 26 x 30 inches, will be given as a prize to the pupil of the schools of Canton, Massillon and Alliance (all in Stark Co.) presenting the best essay on "Ohio's Part in the War of 1812."

Thirty-eight newly naturalized citizens have been placed on the honor roll of "The Old Flag House and Betsey Ross Memorial Association," and given its certificates with their names written thereon, and a card saying "N. S. U. S. D. 1812, Madison-McKinley Chapter presents this certificate to you, hoping you will have it framed and keep it as a memento of your loyalty to the American flag."

Pennsylvania. Miss McInnes, Retiring State President, is a member of many war preparedness committees, and organizer and head of the Norristown Branch of the Red Cross. She is also officially connected with the League for Woman's Service. She is enrolled by Dr. Harte as "First Aid" since she served during the Spanish American War.

The Regent of the General Robert Patterson Chapter, Mrs. Mitchell, is serving as Secretary of the Philadelphia Branch of the Woman's Section of the Navy League.

The Keystone Chapter, Mrs. Mersereau, Regent, has given \$50 to the Library Fund for the Cantonments.

The Dolly Madison Chapter of Pittsburgh has bought two \$100 Liberty Bonds.

One hundred and fifty members have formed a unit of the Red Cross. One hundred and eighty-five dollars worth of comfort kits have been made and sent to the 18th Regiment, and 750 hospital towels made, the chapter purchasing the materials.

Ten dollars was sent to a southern industrial school, and a box of clothing and shoes to the Hindman School in Kentucky.

South Carolina has placed in the Library of Congress General Flournoy's orderly books when in command of the 7th Military District with headquarters at New Orleans during the War of 1812, and also letters written and received by him while in command of the Southeastern Forces with headquarters at St. Mary's, Ga., 1812-1813.

Tennessee. The Thomas Hart Benton Chapter has permanently marked in bronze the site where Andrew Jackson camped in Franklin during the War of 1812. Later Jackson gave a small cannon to the town. Trees have been given the High School Campus at Five Points in Franklin as a memorial to the heroes of 1812.

The Hero of New Orleans Chapter took part in the preparedness parade in Nashville, its representatives riding in an automobile decorated with U. S. flags and the society's colors.

The Old Hickory Chapter, Mrs. Day, Regent, is working with the Red Cross. It sent magazines to the army.

It gave a flag to Calvary Church Sunday School, and one also to the Kinco School near Monteagle, on July 4th.

A silver mounted gavel from the Hermitage woods was presented to the chapter by Mrs. Whitaker, a niece of Mrs. Jackson's. Mrs. Stout presented to the chapter a finely bound book for records.

Texas. Our Treasurer National's son, Alvin H. Lane, is a Second Lieutenant in the Field Artillery. Her son-in-law, J. C. Newbury, is a Corporal in the National Army. Many members have bought Liberty Bonds.

Very many are working with the Red Cross, and in the National League for Woman's Service, and for the Hoover food conservation pledge.

John Cavett Chapter, Mrs. Buford, Regent. Each member has promised to make at least one hospital garment a week. Their instructor is a woman who has filled every position in the Red Cross. One member is chairman of the comforts committee in the Navy League. One member is on the State Board of the Anti-Vice Crusade. Five dollars a month has been pledged to this work. Five dollars was given to a Christmas fund for the soldiers.

The Oliver Hazard Perry Chapter of Austin, Mrs. Barker, Regent, has given \$10 to the Visiting Nurses' Fund and \$5 to the Texas panel in the ceiling of the Washington Memorial Chapter at Valley Forge.

Vermont. The President National heard at the annual meeting many reports of admirable work done by this society, but she cannot trust her memory to report them, and no written account has been sent.

The society is helping in the Red Cross. Comfort kits have been made. The

Retiring State President, Mrs. Tsham, took the course in "Surgical Dressings" and then taught others. She is one of a board of fifteen appointed by the Mayor of Burlington to superintend any needed war service.

The Incoming President, Mrs. Reade, was very active in arranging farewell banquets for the soldiers.

Fifty dollars was given toward a fund for a monument on the Capitol grounds to the heroes of 1812.

Virginia. The state society has raised the cost of its memorial to Virginia Patriots of the War of 1812 to \$1,500. Mrs. J. C. Fisher of Reedville has given \$100 to the fund.

The society's immediate work has been furnishing over 2,000 pillow cases to French soldiers.

The First Virginia Chapter of Emporia, Mrs. Goodwyn, Regent, pledged \$150 to this memorial, \$10 to Hicksford Cemetery gates, \$11 for material for pillow cases, and made the latter. It presented to the grammar school library ten volumes.

The Dorothea Payne Madison Chapter, Mrs. Clark, Regent, pledged \$150 to the memorial and furnished pillow cases.

It has placed our grave marker upon the grave of President Monroe in Hollywood.

It protested to the City Council against changing the names of the historic streets in Richmond.

The Col. George Armistead Chapter, Mrs. Sinclair, Regent, has furnished pillow cases.

The Commodore H. H. Cocke Chapter, Mrs. Mason, Regent, has pledged \$100 to the memorial, and contributed pillow cases.

The Cockade City Chapter, Mrs. James, Regent, has pledged \$25 to the memorial, and contributed pillow cases.

This chapter has erected in Central Park a granite monument to the 103 volunteers who drilled in the park under Richard McRae, and served until the end of the War of 1812. President Madison complimented them by naming their native place the "Cockade City of the Union," and from this fact the chapter was named.

Wisconsin. The only son of the State President, Mrs. Towne, is in the service. Mrs. Van Ostrand's son, Dexter Culver Van Ostrand, is at Camp Lewis, American Lake, Washington, and a second son, A. Mortimer Van Ostrand, is at the Presidio, San Francisco. Mrs. Ayres has two sons in service, Capt. Paul K. Ayres and Lieut. A. Bowen Ayres. Mrs. Skinkle has a son, Ralph Skinkle, in service at Waco, Texas. Mrs. Buckmaster has a son, Ben Buckmaster, in the navy.

The state society has worked with the Red Cross, the League for Woman's Service, and The National Committee of Patriotic Societies. The society gave \$100 to the Red Cross; \$25 to the Soldiers Families' Relief, and \$11 for registration hand bills. It joined in the registration work.

Mrs. Vance, Historian National, has written and published a beautifully illustrated and most valuable booklet on "Our Nation's Flag." She has presented the state society with a flag.

The State President, Mrs. Towne, presented a flag to the James Madison Chapter.

The state society has decided to do away with state social meetings this year, and devote the time and money to our country's needs.

The above record is cause for just pride, though the half has not been told.

In conclusion three requests are made of each state society and of each member:

First, that you with complete devotion exert all your energies and your influence to help as much as in you lies to win the war and to win it as quickly as possible.

Second, that you send to the national society a record of all you do.

Third, that you do not allow this society to lose in membership because of war claims upon your time. Remember that only through organized effort can the greatest results be secured, and that the inspiration for service is quickened and sanctified by remembering that

"All we have of freedom, all we use or know,

This our fathers bought for us long and long ago."

Let none resign because of press of outside duties. Let us win new members, that we may have a still larger body to work together for the preservation of the precious liberty our fathers won by valor and sacrifice.

Yours faithfully,

ALICE BRADFORD WILES,

President National